



Davenant Residential Postdoctoral Fellowship 12-month Research, Writing, and Teaching position at Davenant House

The Davenant Institute is seeking an energetic scholar and teacher dedicated to the retrieval and renewal of classical Protestantism to join us at our Davenant House study center in Greenville County, South Carolina for the 2022-23 academic year. This Residential Fellow and their spouse will participate fully in the life of the Davenant House community and the broader work of the Davenant Institute through helping to host events and student programs, mentoring residential students, teaching online classes, lecturing and writing on behalf of the Institute, and pursuing his/her own ongoing research. The position is intentionally flexible, and duties will be tailored to the strengths and interests of the successful candidate.

Successful candidates will exhibit a firm commitment to confessional Protestantism (whether in the Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, or Baptist traditions) and Christian moral orthodoxy; a catholic and irenic sensibility committed to seeking wisdom in community; a robust Christian humanism and wide-ranging intellectual curiosity capable of engaging thoughtfully across a range of disciplines; a commitment to hospitality and readiness to participate in the life of a community of Christian discipleship and scholarship; a determination to make Christian scholarship relevant and accessible for the broader church, and an ability to communicate effectively to non-academic audiences; and a lively personal faith and eagerness to help others on their journeys of Christian discipleship.

Applications will be accepted from now until the position is filled; however, please apply by **December 15th** for full consideration.

Term: June 11, 2022 - May 31, 2023. *Note: We intend to offer this fellowship every year going forward, and current Fellow will be eligible to re-apply if interested in extending their stay.*

Compensation: Free housing and utilities at our beautiful Davenant House property for the term of your fellowship; plus a stipend of \$1,800/mo.

Job Requirements:

Core Requirements:

- Teaching at least one [Davenant Hall](#) online class each term within your area of specialty. (Additional teaching may be available, and would result in bonus compensation.)
- Writing and publishing on behalf of Davenant for our [Ad Fontes journal](#).
- Assisting Davenant House Director Michael Hughes in hosting events and programs at [Davenant House](#).



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- Mentoring residential students; leading occasional discussion nights at Davenant House.
- Helping lead discussions for [summer residential courses](#) at Davenant House.
- Keeping house and grounds well-maintained and presentable (significant maintenance items will be handled by Davenant House Director).

Additional potential requirements (exact mix of responsibilities to be tailored to candidate):

- Speaking at local churches or student groups across upstate SC and western NC.
- Leading monthly Davenant Discussion nights at Davenant House.
- Co-teaching summer residential courses.
- Networking and fundraising locally & online to expand the work of Davenant House.
- Editing, proofreading, translating, or assisting with research on Davenant Press projects.

Total responsibilities should occupy 30-35 hrs./wk., with remainder being free for Fellow's own research and writing, which we are highly interested in supporting.

Qualifications:

The successful applicant will exhibit:

- Good-faith subscription to the system of doctrine contained in one of the following Protestant confessions: The Augsburg Confession, The Three Forms of Unity, the Thirty-Nine Articles, the Second Helvetic Confession, The Westminster Confession, the London Baptist Confession.
- Possession of a Ph.D in Philosophy, Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, or related fields.
- Evidence of strong teaching ability.
- Ability to write and speak effectively for non-specialist audiences.
- Strong personal Christian faith and commitment to Christian hospitality.
- Willingness to engage in charitable and irenic debate.

Required Documents

Applicants are asked to submit the following to Dr. Brad Littlejohn (b.littlejohn@davenantinstitute.org):

- Cover letter explaining your background and interest in the position
- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic Writing Sample (10-25 pages)



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- Academic Reference
- Pastoral/Personal Reference
- Statement of Faith (a ~1,000 word document articulating your personal convictions with reference to one of the above-listed Protestant confessions)

*NOTE: For your Academic and Pastoral references, please include name and contact information in your email, **but also** before submitting, please contact your references directly and ask them to submit their letters of recommendation directly to b.littlejohn@davenantinstitute.org in a timely fashion.*

About Davenant House

Davenant House is a beautiful log home situated in the foothills of the Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains, built in 1999 and used as a vacation rental property since 2003 until its acquisition in 2016 by the Davenant Institute. Two adjoining properties that are part of the Davenant House complex, Broadus House and Ridgeview House, are located within a quarter mile and resided in by Davenant Institute staff.

All three houses are on a roughly 150-acre wooded estate near Lake Lanier, that borders the Palmetto Trail, South Carolina's mountains-to-the-sea trail. The woodland, which is renowned for its horticultural diversity, is slated for an ecologically-friendly development project in the next few years, with most of the land retained in a land conservation trust. Nearby attractions include the Pisgah National Forest as well as Asheville and Greenville, two of the south's most exciting cities with thriving downtowns and plenty of local attractions. The famous Biltmore Estate is also nearby, just outside of Asheville.





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Davenant House



Davenant House living room



Davenant House master bedroom